

In the Specification

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[0023] A spoked wheel for a bicycle comprising a rim, a hub, a plurality of spokes ~~tensed~~ tensioned between the rim and the hub, and a plurality of seats. Each spoke is provided with a spoke attachment element for attachment to the rim. The plurality of seats are openings formed in the rim that house one of said spoke attachment elements. The shape and size of the spoke attachment elements and of the seats of the rim are such that the spoke attachment element is suitable for taking up a first configuration in which its insertion through the seat is possible; and the spoke attachment element inserted in the seat is in a second configuration in which it is not possible to remove such a spoke attachment element through the seat.

[0043] In accordance with the invention, the rim 12 is also provided with a plurality of seats 15 for coupling to the spokes 13, consisting of openings arranged in a regular manner along the base 22. In the preferred example illustrated, such seats 15 are linearly aligned with each other at the inner peripheral zone 27. Alternatively, two or more series of seats, staggered on the base 22, can be provided. More generally, the number and distribution of the seats 15 for coupling to the

spokes 13 can vary. For example, the seats 15 could be grouped together in groups of two, three or four and/or could be made on many planes, different from the middle plane of the rim 12. The seats 15 have an elongated shape, in a transverse direction with respect to the circumferential direction of extension of the rim 12. Alternatively, the ~~seeds~~ seats could be elongated in any direction and they could be orientated so as to help the attachment of the spokes with different inclinations.

[0047] The plate 50 (also see Figures 7 and 8) has a flattened rectangle overall configuration, with an inner hole 51, flanked by notches 52, or else cuts extending from the hole 51 towards the outside of the plate. More precisely, such cuts are oriented in the direction of the largest dimension of the plate 50, and they have a function linked to wheel assembling, as shall be seen hereafter. Around the inner hole 51, from the side facing towards the seat 15, the plate 50 is provided with a collar 53, which protrudes from the plate 50 itself and is housed in the seat 15. Around the collar 53, the plate 50 is preferably shaped to match the inner shape of the base 22 of the rim 12. On the other side, conversely, around the same inner hole 51, the plate 50 has a smooth conical contact surface 54 to the nipple 40, in contact engagement with the corresponding conical surface 44 of the nipple 40. Given the contact between the two conical surfaces 44 and 54, the nipple 40 is free to rotate about the axis of the spoke 13, even when the spoke 13 is ~~tensed~~ tensioned. The

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plate 50, instead, is not free to rotate with respect to the rim 12, being shaped so as to match the inner shape of the base 22 of the rim 12.